

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 are pending herein, with claims 1-3 having been withdrawn due to the Restriction Requirement. Claims 4-6 have been amended to overcome minor informalities.

Applicant acknowledges that the Restriction Requirement has been made final. In addition, Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that the timely filed Information Disclosure Statement has been considered by the Examiner.

The Applicant has amended claims 4-6 to overcome all the grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, asserted in the Office Action. In addition, the Applicants have amended claim 4 to distinguish between a first pair of twin-screw secondary extruders and a second pair of twin-screw secondary extruders. Support for this amendment is found at least in the disclosure on page 7 and in conjunction with Fig. 3.

Claims 4-6 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over:

(1) Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,368,543 (Nan Ya Plastics Corp.) in view of Ohba et al. (U.S. 4,986,866) (Oji Yuka Goseishi Co., Ltd.)

(2) Claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,379,605 (Nan Ya Plastics Corp.) in view of Ohba et al. (U.S. 4,986,866) (Oji Yuka Goseishi Co., Ltd.).

(3) Claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,368,988 (Micron Technology, Inc.) in view of Ohba et al. (U.S. 4,986,866) (Oji Yuka Goseishi Co., Ltd.).

(4) Claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,552,011 (Nan Ya Plastics Corp.) in view of Ohba et al. (U.S. 4,986,866) (Oji Yuka Goseishi Co., Ltd.) and Hanada et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0098339 A1) (Sumitomo Chemical Company, Ltd.).

(5) Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,333,940 (Nan Ya Plastics Corp.) in view of Ohba et al. (U.S. 4,986,866) (Oji Yuka Goseishi Co., Ltd.) and Hanada et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0098339 A1) (Sumitomo Chemical Company, Ltd.).

(6) JP 2000-211008 in view of Ohba et al. (U.S. 4,986,866) (Oji Yuka Goseishi Co., Ltd.).

Applicants respectfully traverse grounds (3) and (6) given that there is no overlap of inventorship with the present inventor, nor is there common ownership with the Assignee of the present application. More particularly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections in view of Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,368,988 and JP2000-211008 A are in error and should be withdrawn. For

example, U.S. Patent No. 6,368,988 is assigned to Micron Technology, Inc. and is directed to unrelated subject matter (a method for fabricating gate electrodes) to the claims of the present invention. Moreover, although page 6 of the Office Action clearly asserts an obviousness type double patenting rejection based on JP2000-211008, claims or the disclosure of a foreign patent cannot be the primary basis of an obviousness-type double patenting rejection. In any event, the Applicant respectfully disagrees that claims 4-6 would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art in view of JP2000-211008 and Ohba et al. (U.S. 4,986,866) as it was the present claimed invention that first constructed 5 layer synthetic paper according to the current specification. There is no suggestion gleaned from the combination of references to make five-layer synthetic paper according to the method of claims 4-6.

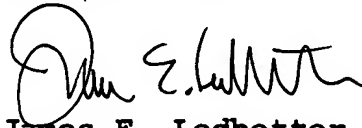
With regard to the double patent rejections involving the claims of commonly owned U.S. patents 6,368,543, 6,379,605, 5,552,011, and 6,332,940, the Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer that overcomes this ground of rejection against all of the claims of the present application.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections against Claims 4-6 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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